

# Putney Choral Society – Annual report for the year ended 31st December 2025

## 1. Introduction

This is the annual report for 2025 for Putney Choral Society (“PCS”), a registered charity.

## 2. Objectives and activities

We are a choral society which rehearses regularly and gives public concerts. We are a non-auditioned group and welcome any member of the local community to join us. We regularly put on public performances with our amateur choir augmented by professional soloists and orchestra.

Our objective is to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music.

The trustees confirm that we have complied with our duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising our powers or duties.

## 3. Achievements during the year

We have sustained our commitment to developing the performance and enjoyment of choral music within our local community.

Mozart’s Requiem was the principal work at our May 2025 concert, together with Pergolesi’s Magnificat. The principal work at our winter concert in December 2025, Martin Palmeri’s Misa a Buenos Aires ( Misatango) further extended our repertoire. Scarlatti’s Magnificat and Haydn’s ‘Emperor’ quartet also were part of the programme. In the summer of 2025 we held a choral workshop for choir members and an informal concert for family, friends and supporters.

In March 2025 the trustees, with the Music Director, looked in depth at key issues for sustaining and developing the Society. It provided a clear base for current and future action. A subsequent survey provided valuable insight into member’s motivations and aspirations for the choir. Expanding and improving outreach, engagement and publicity for the choir remains a high priority for the trustees.

As ever, the life and successes of the choir have been sustained by the professional musicians who prepare us and perform with us. A vital and valued partnership to which the trustees give high priority in securing the Society’s income. It is a considerable challenge that we remain determined to meet for the sake of the choir and for the place of music in the life of the community.

## 4. Financial review

We made a loss of £565 on income of £30,509, which compares with 2024 when we made a surplus of £2,866 on income of £33,674, though all of that surplus was due to one-off donation income.

The policy of the choir is to aim to operate at break-even over the medium term (3-5 years). But within this there can be significant fluctuations from year to year. Our rolling average surplus/loss over the past five years is consistent with this target.

We also have a policy of holding reserves of at least £10,000 but not over £20,000 to allow us to sustain such fluctuations. At end 2025 our reserves stood at £15,147.

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<b>Putney Choral Society</b> <b>Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025</b>					
<b>Income and Expenditure Account</b>					
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Venue hire (excl. concerts)	£4,082	£3,442	Subscriptions	£14,570	£13,200
Fees to conductor	£4,650	£5,100	Donations	£1,328	£6,303
Fees to accompanist	£3,865	£3,625	Gift aid	£3,333	£3,764
Music score costs	£2,668	£2,689	Fundraising	£0	£165
Concert costs	£15,174	£14,797	Sponsorship/advertising	£570	£480
Miscellaneous	£635	£1,154	Musical score rental/sales	£2,345	£1,888
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£31,074</b>	<b>£30,807</b>	Ticket sales	£7,980	£7,212
			Other concert income	£0	£0
<b>Surplus/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>-£565</b>	<b>£2,866</b>	Other income	£383	£662
	<b>£30,509</b>	<b>£33,674</b>			
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£30,509</b>	<b>£33,674</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at bank	£14,882	£14,226			
Debtors	£1,873	£4,259			
Less donations for commissioned work	£0	£0			
less Creditors	<b>-£1,607</b>	<b>-£2,773</b>			
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>£15,147</b>	<b>£15,712</b>			
<b>Representing</b>					
Reserves Brought Forward	£15,712	£12,846			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£565	£2,866			
<b>Accumulated reserves</b>	<b>£15,147</b>	<b>£15,712</b>			

## 5. Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Putney Choral Society
Charity registration number	1188032
Registered address	Flat 10 Upton Court The Downs London SW20 8JB
Trustees	Geoffrey Chapman (treasurer) Ian Childs Tricia Davies Nearn Lesley Hazel (secretary) Paula Jones (chair) Heather Owen Howard Railton Celia Simpson